GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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THEFT IN RBI DELHI
BHUPENDRASINH PRABHATSINH SOLANKI;JAIBHAN SINGH PAWAIYA;RAGHUNATH JHA;SHIVRAJ SINGH CHOUHAN;VIJAY KUMAR KHANDELWAL

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether several lakhs of rupees have been found missing in RBI, Delhi recently;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether any enquiry has been conducted in this regard; and

(d) if so, the outcome thereof along with action taken against the persons found guilty?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI BALASAHEB VIKHE PATIL)

(a) & (b).: RBI, New Delhi Office has reported that a remittance was received from Jalandhar(Adarsh Nagar) branch of Oriental Bank of Commerce on 3rd July 1999. The note boxes were opened and the notes stored in the boxes after preliminary verification by packet and bundles in the presence of chest representative on 6th July 1999. During the physical verification of balances conducted on 20th December 2001, a shortage of three bundles of Rs 500 notes valuing Rs 15 lakhs was detected.

(c) & (d): RBI has initiated departmental action and issued charge sheets to two officers who were joint custodians holding charge of the notes. They have also been placed under suspension. RBI has also placed an embargo on the retirement benefits of a third officer who was working in the vault at the relevant time. The matter has also been reported to the police.